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Hofstraat et al.

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(III) ION-LIGAND COMPLEXES :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection dated August 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

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